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In re Application of

Ajit Rajasekharan :

Application No. 09/987,597 : LETTER

Filed: 15 November, 2001 : Atty Docket 63044.2 :

This is a letter in response to the "Reply to Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney" filed on 15 June, 2004.

The request is granted.

The Office notes that the revocation and power of attorney filed on 24 May, 2004, was filed by a party who is not an inventor or assignee in the present application. The power of attorney was inadvertently entered in Office records as a result of a clerical error. The Office apologizes for this error. The previously appointed attorneys are the attorneys of record, and the previously filed correspondence address of record has been reentered in Office records. The power of attorney filed on 24 May, 2004, will not be entered. The Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney and the Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney both mailed on 7 June, 2004, are vacated.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at 703 308-6918.

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This is a letter in response to the communication entitled "Request for Recognition as a Proper Party Under 37 CFR 1.181-1.183" filed on 24 May, 2004.

The paper will not be treated on the merits as petitioner has failed to establish she is a proper party in interest (i.e., inventor or assignee).

The inventorship of the present application was set forth in a properly executed oath or declaration signed by the inventor of record pursuant to 35 USC 115, 35 USC 116, and 37 CFR 1.63. Accordingly, any change in inventorship must be requested by the inventor(s) named in the first executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48, and, if applicable, an assignee pursuant to 37 CFR 3.73(b).

As to the power of attorney filed on 24 May, 2004, an inspection reveals that the power of attorney was filed by a party other than an inventor or assignee in the present application. As the power of attorney was not filed by a proper party in interest, the power of attorney will not be entered. The Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney and the Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney both mailed on 7 June, 2004, are <u>vacated</u>.

Petitioner's representative(s) is placed on notice that the Office considers the filing of a petition or other paper on behalf of a party having no standing in an application, and not otherwise authorized by the rules of practice, to be a petition

or paper presented for an improper purpose (37 CFR 10.18). For example, the filing of a paper on behalf of a party in situations not authorized by the rules of practice delays the examination and processing of applications, which may cause harm to the general public if it results in the Office missing any one of the examination time frames specified in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154(b)(1)(A) or 154(b)(1)(B). Therefore, the Office may refer any further third party petitions in this or any other application to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline for appropriate action.

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